

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 2006

CATEGORY	2006	2005	YTD 06	YTD 05
CSEPP INCIDENTS	6	7	27	36
DOE INCIDENTS	2	0	3	1
FIRE	42	25	95	101
HAZMAT	218	174	929	876
OTHER	48	29	152	126
911 OUTAGES	3	4	12	18
SAR	61	54	254	207
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	6	8	24	28
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	1	2
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(2)	(1)	(16)	(13)
TOTAL	386	301	1497	1395

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages
ESAR	Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On May 8, King County commenced a search for an 81 year-old female who was missing from her nursing home. SEOO's coordinated 4 x 4, ESAR, and search dogs from Pierce, Kitsap and Snohomish Counties to assist in the search. The subject was located early in the morning in good condition.

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- On May 11, the Umatilla Chemical Depot issued an Information Message via the CSEPP Crash Line and the dedicated fax. At 1815 hrs the UMCDF detected approximately 2 ounces of fiber ash in building #398. The material was controlled and immediately cleaned up and no chemical agent involved.
- On May 12, King County commenced a search for a hiker injured while sliding down Granite Mountain. The hiker was found deceased and the SEOO's coordinated ESAR support from Pierce County for the body recovery on May 13th.
- On May 13, Skagit County reported a 911 outage affecting the Mt. Vernon area after a local farmer hit a telephone pedestal. Verizon Communications was notified by Skagit County for the repair. The number of citizens affected by the outage was unknown. Service was restored the next day as repairs to the line were completed.
- On May 15, Columbia County commenced a search and rescue mission for a missing 4 wheel rider in the vicinity of Dayton. The search commenced shortly after midnight with 10 ground searchers and 4x4's and by 0500 a.m. the on-scene search coordinator decided they needed an air asset to cover the terrain. Request was immediately made to DOT aviation for a Civil Patrol or DOT aircraft to assist in the search effort. Prior to the launch of the aircraft the subject was located deceased by ground search personnel.
- On May 15, the National Weather System issued a Flood Watch for the Naches River in Yakima County. The river was not expected to rise above flood stage but if temperatures remained high for the next few days there may have been enough melt water released to approach or exceed the 17 foot flood stage near Naches. The river rose to 15.5 feet by 2000 hours on May 15th. On May 16th the National Weather Service in Spokane issued an additional Flood Warning for the Stehekin River in Chelan County through 1100 p.m. On Wednesday 05/17/06 additional Flood Warnings were issued for the Methow River in Okanogan County and the Wenatchee and Entiat Rivers in Chelan County. Flood stage for the Entiat was 7.5 feet with the forecast to rise to 6 feet by May 19. The Methow River had a flood stage of 10.0 feet and was forecast to exceed 8.0 feet on May 20th. All flood watches and warnings were finally cancelled on May 20th.

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- On May 17, the Umatilla Chemical Depot issued an Information Message via the CSEPP Crash Line and the dedicated fax. Less than ½ ounce of fiber glass residue was discovered on the ground next to a bin near the DFS facility. The material was cleaned up and no chemical agent involved.
- On May 18 The State EOC activated to Phase II Enhanced Operations in response to flooding in Eastern Washington. Fifty-thousand state-owned sandbags were transferred from Yakima County to Chelan County to assist in active flood fighting. The State EOC returned to Phase I Operations on May 19th. The Alert and Warning Center continued to monitor river levels in Eastern Washington in preparation to render assistance if needed.
- On May 19, the Hanford Occurrence Notification Center reported an Abnormal Event for a 6 acre grass fire on site. There were no injuries or damage to facilities reported as the fire was brought under control.
- On May 19, the Umatilla Chemical Depot encountered a major power outage as a result of a severe thunder storm moving through the area. The facility maintained operation on back-up generators. There were no indications of agent release outside engineering control. Commercial power was restored to UMCDF from the north feed line at 0042 hours on the morning of May 20th as back-up generators were turned off. Additionally, power was restored to the UMCD Chemical Limited Areas K & I Blocks at 0932 hrs the same day. Seven power poles on the Depot and more off the Depot that are part of the north power feed are still down. Damage assessment teams are out conducting inspections of all buildings on the installation.
- On May 20, Klickitat County Sheriff's office commenced a search for 5 of 19 individuals that were riding in four rafts on the Klickitat River who failed to self recover after all of the rafts overturned due to water conditions. County SAR personnel rescued three individuals with two requiring transport to a local area hospital and one victim dead on scene. Additional ground and "swift-water" dive personnel from Yakima County assisted in the search for the fifth victim which was located on May 21 deceased.

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- On May 21, Chelan County Sheriff's office commenced a rescue of an injured 64 year-old male hiker who fell 200 feet down a hill side approximately 5 miles southwest of Leavenworth and had suffered a severe head injury. A military helicopter was requested and supported by United States Navy stationed at Whidbey Naval Air Station. Individual was extracted utilizing the helicopter's winch and transported to Harborview hospital.
- On May 28, a search was conducted in Snohomish County for 2 missing adults near Lake Blanka north of Index. Additional resources were coordinated from, King, Pierce, and Skagit Counties to assist. Both subjects were located in good condition.
- On May 29, an Abnormal Event was declared at 0155 hours by the Hanford Occurrence Notification Center. A 25 acre fire was discovered near Gate 124-A, State Highway 24, mile post 42, on the Hanford Site. The fire was contained at 0240 hrs. There were no injuries or facility impacts.
- On May 30, an Amber Alert was issued by Washington State Patrol for a missing 1 year-old Hispanic female in the Lakewood area. The missing child and her father were located in good condition approximately 1 hour after the alert was issued.
- On May 30, a search was began for a missing 50 year-old male hiker south west of Mount Baker in Skamania County. Ground searchers using 4 x 4's and military helicopter from the 1042nd Oregon National Guard assisted in the search effort. As of the end of this reporting period the missing man had not been found and the search continued.
- For the month of May 2006 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 32 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 2 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 1057 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 77 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations

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- Participated in 46 exercises of which 22 were vessel spill drills
- Made 1387 and answered 1677 telephone calls
- Conducted 2868 National Warning System Tests, conducted 287 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 60 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 6 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)